Domestic Violence Prevention Bill

707. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Domestic Violence Prevention Bill would be introduced in the monsoon session of Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the objects of the proposed legislations; and

(c) whether the proposed Bill would make adequate provisions for setting up a self-contained machinery for detection of crime against women and a well-equipped investigation agency and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) Department of Women and Child Development is considering enactment of a legislation to prevent domestic violence against women. The specific legal provisions will be finalized after a final view is taken in this matter in consultation with the concerned Ministries/Departments.

Free education schemes for girls

708. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any communication from Himachal Pradesh Government in regard to financial support of Government for free education schemes for girl students; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action Government have taken / propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The State Govt. of Himachal Pradesh has, *inter-alia* sought reimbursement of Rs. 280.72 lakhs towards free education for girls during 2001-2002. Since the Central Govt. Scheme for free education for girls has not been finalised and operationalised, it has not been found possible to consider the request.